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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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MARRIAGE.

At Shanghai, on the 23rd March, 1896, as H.L. German, Major in the General Engineers, FERNANDO R. K. WILLIAMS, late E.M. MULCAHY to MARY MARIE.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 30th of March, 1896, FLORENCE MAY, the beloved wife of J. DRAPER-BENTLEY, aged 27 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7th, 1896.

The decision of the Government not to supply all the papers asked for by the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD in connection with the proposed reconstruction of the Sanitary Board is as surprising as it is unjustifyable.

At the luncheon given to Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD on Saturday the Colonial Secretary, in proposing "Success to Hongkong," said:—"Hongkong has not been established many years, but during those years it has proved itself a colony which can succeed. What that success may be owing to may be doubtful, but there can be no doubt about this fact, that it is due not only to the Army and to the Navy, but to the energetic and go-ahead community inhabiting it. I feel certain that so long as this community is composed of inhabitants such as we see around us here to-day Hongkong will continue to develop with strides which will surprise in all." The go-ahead community referred to has a right to know what representations have been made to the Secretary of State to induce him to believe that as a community it is unfit or unable to take any part in the management of its own affairs. There can be nothing that ought to be considered confidential in the official correspondence that has passed; on the contrary, the commonest principles of fair play demand that the community should be afforded an opportunity of knowing what has been said to its detriment and, of replying to it if it so desires." Mr. WHITEHEAD has given notice of his intention to bring forward a resolution on the subject at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, but as the Government has already announced its decision not to produce the paper asked for, the hon. member's resolution will no doubt be negatived by the official phalanx. The time must then be moved to the House of Commons. The colony has friends in Parliament who will be glad to give their assistance in the matter and when the papers are asked for in the House no doubt they will be duly tabled, for there can be no high reason of state to the contrary and their production could not in common fairness be denied. All that, however, will take time and in the meanwhile the Bill for the reconstruction of the Board may have been passed, unless the Government should wisely abandon the measure, which is scarcely probable. Then will be the time for the public, unhesitatingly to declare itself. A suspending clause will no doubt be introduced, so that the Bill will not become law until it has received the sanction of Her Majesty, and this will afford the public an opportunity of petitioning against it. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN seems to have paid considerable attention to the grievances of the Uitlanders in the Transvaal, and he will not turn a deaf ear to the grievances of the British residents of this British colony. Like the Uitlanders we have no measure of local self-government and we are called upon to pay exorbitantly for the cost of an administration of whose form the majority of the inhabitants disapprove. A few years ago a policy of economy in the administration was promised, but as shown by the return laid on the table of the Legislative Council the other day, instead of a reduction having been effected, the cost of salaries and pensions has risen to nearly a million dollars, and the colony is left without funds for the prosecution of urgently needed public works.

Telegrams from Korea to the Japanese papers report concluded murders of Japanese.

It is stated that the now Japanese financial Tycoon is to leave the Thaunes on the 15th instant.

Sir Claude MacDonald is to be entertained to dinner by the Shanghai branch of the China Association.

The Japanese flag was hoisted over the new Settlement at Soochow for the first time on the 30th March.

The O. and O. Company's fine steamer *Doris*, will be open to inspection by the public to-day from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Shanghai Gas Company has decided to increase its capital by the issue of 1,000 new shares of £100 each.

We have received from the Navigations Generale Italienne a calendar with a picture of a deck scene on a passenger steamer.

Last night the Willard Opera Company repeated "In Town" to a large and appreciative audience. To-night "The Trip to Chicago" will be given.

The total number of plague cases this year is now 407. Ten cases were reported on Sunday and fourteen yesterday. It is expected that the reception sheds will be finished in a day or so.

A fire broke out at 4.30 yesterday morning in a salt fish shop in Salt Fish Street. The premises, which were insured with Messrs. Carrick and Co. for \$6,500, were completely gutted.

The Japan Gazette says:—On account of the prevalence of plague in Hongkong the provisions of the quarantining regulations will be enforced on vessels coming from that port at Yokohama, Kobe, Shimonesaki, and Nagasaki from the 1st April.

A Chinaman was charged at the Magistracy yesterday with removing the dead body of his child, who had died from plague. The defendant, who was not carrying the body in Queen's Road East, was fined \$25 or six weeks imprisonment.

Hongkong has been insulted. A resident of that great colony recently arrived in Kobe, and he had been here only a few hours when bang went all pride in his adopted home. "Welcome back to civilization," said one of the first Kobe acquaintances he met! He left so staggered that he could only gasp, "What do you call it? Kohl Chornie."

The Secretary of the Funjom Mining Co., Limited, advises us that he has received the following telegram from the manager at the mine, being the result of the Marchen cleanup:—"The mill ran twenty-eight days, crushing 1,000 tons of gold-bearing sand. Twenty-five tons of concentrates were calcined, yielding 120 ozs. of gold." Total output for month \$550 tons.

We (China Castle) learn that the armed Customs cruiser *Chiaotung*, Captain Wykes, will leave Shanghai on April 20th for Taku or Tientsin, where Sir Robert Hart will meet him on his tour around the various treaty ports and light-houses of China. It is at present expected that the "I.G." will go south as soon as his gunboat is fit for the furthest point, working back gradually to the north.

Five men-of-war were charged before Commander Hastings yesterday with assaulting a Chinaman. Three of the men were fined \$10 each or twenty-eight days' imprisonment, and a fourth was discharged. They were all ordered to pay \$1 compensation.

The N. C. Daily News of the 20th March says:—Mr. Pittman, of H.E.M. Consul, was beaten in a Chinaman's boat some three miles off a mile above Jossfield last Saturday, two Chinese ran up to the bank and threw a couple of large clubs at the boat, one of which knocked a hole in the side. Mr. Pittman managed to get ashore before the boat sank, and hired a couple of countrymen to carry it back to the boat-house. The master had to pay it back to the boat-house. The master had to be reported to H.E.M. Consul and will be brought to the notice of the Chinese authorities.

A Tokyo press despatch of the 29th March says:—The list was closed to-day. The Imperial Message was read to the members of both Houses, assembled together by Count Kurada, acting Prime Minister. The address expressed appreciation of the diligence with which the members had laboured during the past three months on business of great importance to the State; and His Majesty added that it gave him great pleasure to observe how harmoniously and with what sincerity of patriotism and devotion they had laboured to promote the prosperity of the Empire.

Our contemporary the *Peking and Tianjin Times* in its last issue prints without comment the censors' account for the Li banquet. We presume this is meant for a quaint and significant hint. Falstaff's immortal reckoning contained in his half-penny worth of bread and a miserable den of sack, but we have seen it in a Chinaman's house in Peking, and it is a fact that as we see around us here to-day Hongkong will continue to develop with strides which will surprise in all." The go-ahead community referred to has a right to know what representations have been made to the Secretary of State to induce him to believe that as a community it is unfit or unable to take any part in the management of its own affairs. There can be nothing that ought to be considered confidential in the official correspondence that has passed; on the contrary, the commonest principles of fair play demand that the community should be afforded an opportunity of knowing what has been said to its detriment and, of replying to it if it so desires." Mr. WHITEHEAD has given notice of his intention to bring forward a resolution on the subject at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, but as the Government has already announced its decision not to produce the paper asked for, the hon. member's resolution will no doubt be negatived by the official phalanx. The time must then be moved to the House of Commons. The colony has friends in Parliament who will be glad to give their assistance in the matter and when the papers are asked for in the House no doubt they will be duly tabled, for there can be no high reason of state to the contrary and their production could not in common fairness be denied. All that, however, will take time and in the meanwhile the Bill for the reconstruction of the Board may have been passed, unless the Government should wisely abandon the measure, which is scarcely probable. Then will be the time for the public, unhesitatingly to declare itself. A suspending clause will no doubt be introduced, so that the Bill will not become law until it has received the sanction of Her Majesty, and this will afford the public an opportunity of petitioning against it. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN seems to have paid considerable attention to the grievances of the Uitlanders in the Transvaal, and he will not turn a deaf ear to the waters of the colony.

In connection with the late arrival of the City of *Roxburghshire* a protest was filed at the U.S. Consulate showing that the fact that the vessel did not reach port on the date agreed upon was due to lack of fuel in consequence of bad weather and not to want of skill in navigating.

At Shanghai on the 26th March the "Wangpoo Brothers" gave a performance. The "Gondola" was reported to have been an imitation of the famous "Gondola" which had been received with the greatest enthusiasm by the audience. One of the songs contained the following verse:—

"The Wangpoo brothers are selling corn, / Their song is like a gondola, / The Wangpoo brothers are selling corn, / The Wangpoo brothers are selling corn."

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